

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

Claims 1-54 (cancelled).

Claim 55 (currently amended): A nucleic acid having a modified base sequence of a ferric-chelate reductase gene FRE1 derived from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* FRE1, wherein the sequence is modified by features (A) and (B) without altering the amino acid sequence thereof, for eliminating the sequences relating to poly(A) addition, and for introducing said gene into a plant,

wherein features (A) and (B) are defined as follows:

(A) eliminating GT rich regions comprising 8 or more consecutive bases of G or T are eliminated,

and

(B) eliminating sequences encoded by AATAAA, NATAAA, ANTAAA, AANAAA, AATNAA, AATANA, or and AATAAN are eliminated.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The DNA according to claim 55, wherein the DNA has a base sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.